

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 27-06
	DATE April 3, 2007

TO: ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
ALL STATE WORKFORCE ADMINISTRATORS
ALL STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD CHAIRS AND
DIRECTORS
ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS
ALL ONE-STOP CENTER SYSTEM LEADS
ALL ONE-STOP CENTER SYSTEM STAFF

FROM: EMILY STOVER DeROCCO /s/
Assistant Secretary
Employment and Training Administration

SUBJECT: Phase-Out of America's Job Bank (AJB)

- 1. Purpose.** To inform states and local areas about the phase-out of AJB, scheduled for June 30, 2007, and the transition actions that the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is conducting.
- 2. Background.** ETA has extensively reviewed and evaluated the ongoing viability of maintaining a national electronic job board, and has made the decision that AJB will phase-out and cease operations on June 30, 2007. In order to foster a smooth transition, ETA is providing non-financial assistance to the major entities impacted.
- 3. Business and Job Seeking Customer Assistance.** ETA's transition plan for the phase-out of AJB includes developing the ability to direct businesses and job seekers to both public and private sector job banks that are comparable to AJB. This will be accomplished by providing a 'list of Web links' to qualified Web sites on a Web splash or notification page during the AJB phase-out period. The 'list of Web links' will also include all state workforce agency job banks, and it will be available for a period of approximately six months beginning in late Spring.

In the America's Job Bank Federal Register Notice Vol. 72, No. 16 (pages 3425 to 3426) published on Thursday, January 25, 2007 (see attachment), private sector organizations operating private and non-profit sector job banks or bulletin boards that provide functionality similar to AJB and wish to be considered for inclusion on the 'list of Web links' were invited to submit information about the services they provide.

4. **State Assistance.** ETA continues to provide states non-financial support. ETA:
- Identified state-designated AJB transition coordinators in each state and conducted a series of four informational Webinars in July 2006 with states to identify impacts of the phase-out of AJB and to establish a communication system to provide information and non-financial technical assistance to states. Thirty-nine states participated. AJB technical specifications were also released via the AJB Transition Web site.
 - Identified and resolved legal and administrative issues related to the release of AJB software code and documentation to the 15 requesting states. A software license agreement was developed with New York State and the AJB installation code, documentation, and functional requirements description were released to states in January 2007.
 - Created a data sharing agreement in cooperation with the New York State Department of Labor in preparation for sharing AJB employer and job seeker information with thirty-five requesting states in March and June of 2007. New York and the various states will be the parties to the data sharing agreement and state confidentiality and privacy laws will govern the subsequent use and disposition of the data.
 - Developed a communications plan for employers and job seekers who registered and visited the AJB Web site to advise them of the phase-out.
 - Established a schedule of activities with the New York State Department of Labor that are necessary for the orderly phase-out and close-out of AJB.
5. **Impact on Other National CareerOneStop Electronic Tools.** The phase-out of AJB will not impact the availability of the other ETA-sponsored national E-Tools and products. They will continue to be available without interruption. Other E-Tools products include:
- CareerOneStop (<http://www.careeronestop.org>)
 - Career Voyages (<http://www.careervoyages.gov>)
 - America's Career Information Network (<http://www.careerinfonet.org>) and
 - America's Service Locator (<http://www.servicelocator.org>)
6. **Action Requested.** Addressees are requested to share this information with businesses, job seekers, and partners in their local areas, as appropriate.

7. **Inquiries.** For more information about the phase-out of AJB, contact your state-designated AJB transition coordinator, or your ETA Regional Office AJB transition coordinator (see the lists attached), or Anthony D. Dais, Office of Workforce Investment, at ajbtransition@dol.gov or (202) 693-2650.

Attachments:

- Federal Register Notice (America's Job Bank - January 25, 2007)
- List of State AJB Transition Coordinators
- List of Regional Office AJB Transition Coordinators